

J. N. Sawtelle
Bradford
REPORTS

E. Crovin. S. Sawtelle
OF THE
TREASURER, AUDITORS,

Silas S. Sawtelle
Bradford
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

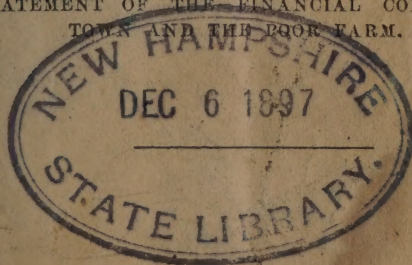
FOR THE

TOWN of BRADFORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1874.

WITH A STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE
TOWN AND THE POOR FARM.



HILLSBORO' BRIDGE, N. H.:

MESSANGER OFFICE, - WILLIAM M. SARGENT, PROPRIETOR.
1874.

IN THE

COURT

OF THE

SUPERIOR COURT

OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE MATTER OF



REPORT

OF

JOHN W. MORSE,

TREASURER FOR THE TOWN OF BRADFORD FOR
THE YEAR 1873.

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| March 1. To cash on hand..... | \$4,329 47 |
| received of Selectmen at sundry times, hired by the town in the course of the year..... | 16,739 04 |
| of Timothy P. Jones, Collector of Taxes for the year 1869..... | 10 83 |
| do do 1870..... | 50 00 |
| do do 1871..... | 557 30 |
| do do 1872..... | 3,077 40 |
| do do 1873..... | 3,958 75 |
| of same, interest on taxes..... | 200 00 |
| of Selectmen, for savings bank tax, | 635 85 |
| “ “ railroad tax..... | 146 38 |
| “ “ Literary Fund.... | 95 94 |
| “ “ support of County paupers..... | 173 25 |
| “ “ sales coupons..... | 60 00 |
| “ “ sales State bonds, | 5,229 97 |
| “ “ support of Wm. H. Ordway..... | 76 30 |
| “ “ Agent town hall... | 21 50 |
| “ “ on account of U.S. bounty claims... | 64 00 |
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| | \$35,425 98 |

Report of John W. Morse, Treasurer for the town of Brad-
ford for the year 1873.

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| March 1. | By Cash Paid Proctor D. Ward, for break- ing road..... | 29 23 |
| 3. | Adin M. Cummings, am't of two notes..... | 880 33 |
| | Harriet E. Ring, am't note... | 297 22 |
| | Obadiah E. Ring, do | 184 11 |
| | Andrew J. Putney, support of Judith Putney..... | 27 00 |
| | Joshua Eaton, services as Auditor..... | 4 00 |
| | Horace K. Martin, services as Auditor..... | 4 00 |
| 4. | Ira K. Eaton, am't of note... | 61 70 |
| 8. | Hugh M. Craige, 3 notes..... | 780 87 |
| 11. | William A. Nichols, repair and breaking road..... | 15 25 |
| | Joseph A. Marshall, am't of note..... | 78 03 |
| | do do do | 74 61 |
| | do do do | 760 63 |
| | Levi W. Barnes, breaking road..... | 5 15 |
| 12. | Charles F. Davis, services as S. S. Committee..... | 85 00 |
| 14. | Horace J. Ward, breaking road..... | 50 44 |
| 15. | Mason W. Tappan, retaining fee..... | 25 00 |
| | Allen Cressy, repair road.... | 33 73 |
| | Daniel F. West, breaking road..... | 2 00 |
| | David H. Hartshorn, repair road..... | 12 00 |
| 17. | Benning W. Sanborn, sta- tionery..... | 14 22 |
| | Charles F. Davis, journey and expense to Hillsboro', | 5 70 |
| 19. | Jesse Marshall, milk for Wm. H. Ordway..... | 1 68 |
| | N. T. Clark, med. att'nd'ce on Wm. H. Ordway..... | 3 00 |
| 20. | Isaac E. Sanborn, am't of two notes..... | 423 00 |

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| Mar. 21. | By Cash Paid | Proctor D. Ward, breaking road..... | 20 70 |
| 24. | | Lyman B. Butman, breaking road..... | 6 25 |
| 25. | | Allison W. Cheney, am't of note..... | 1,297 00 |
| | | Jonathan Cheney, am't of note..... | 572 85 |
| | | Sargent & Whittemore, for printing reports..... | 27 00 |
| 26. | | Joseph W. Ward, breaking road..... | 25 65 |
| | | Levi B. Davis, breaking road, | 7 05 |
| 28. | | James Hoyt, work on road... | 1 50 |
| | | David H. Jones, balance of salary..... | 200 00 |
| | | John S. Kittredge, am't of 3 notes..... | 616 89 |
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| | | | \$6,633 72 |

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| April 2. | | John F. Davis, water trough, | 1 50 |
| 7. | | Emri Rowe, breaking road.. | 8 50 |
| 9. | | James Emery, am't 2 notes.. | 2,388 15 |
| | | John H. Ewins, repair and breaking road..... | 19 22 |
| | | Sumner K. Hall, am't note... | 159 00 |
| | | Mrs. David P. Ingalls, meat for Hazen Presby..... | 6 49 |
| 11. | | John H. Collins, am't note... | 222 03 |
| 12. | | O. E. Ring, breaking road, | 1 27 |
| 15. | | Frank B. Bagley, do | 5 70 |
| | | Horace J. Ward, do | 11 63 |
| | | do do do | 17 93 |
| 16. | | Eben Cheney, do | 10 85 |
| | | George W. Eaton, do | 13 25 |
| 17. | | Almon S. Howlett, do | 24 22 |
| | | do do do | 2 95 |
| | | Frank M. Tappan, insurance Town House..... | 15 30 |
| 18. | | Thomas M. Craige, breaking road..... | 1 35 |
| 19. | | Wm. D. Sawyer, breaking road..... | 19 50 |
| | | Joseph W. Marshall, hay for Farm..... | 20 00 |

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| April 19. | By Cash Paid | Henry F. Presby, breaking road..... | 13 85 |
| 21. | | R. Bates, for chesnut mare... | 100 00 |
| 23. | | Benj. Carter, am't of 2 notes, J. Albert Peasley, breaking road..... | 554 05 |
| 25. | | Henry Piper, am't of note... | 8 85 |
| 26. | | Mrs. Almira Harriman, support of Ann Sargent..... | 43 85 |
| 27. | | Hiram Nichols, break'g road, John H. Collins, breaking road and snowing bridge, | 15 00 |
| 30. | | B. O. Stanley, board Davis, Peasley and T. Paupers... | 88 90 |
| | | | 15 15 |
| | | | 26 00 |
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| | | | \$3,814 49 |

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| May 1. | | Elbridge G. Hoyt Jr., breaking road..... | 3 30 |
| 5. | | Proctor D. Ward, breaking road..... | 8 47 |
| 10. | | William O. Heath, amt. note | 92 44 |
| 12. | | Rudolph Bates, " " | 100 28 |
| 14. | | Edwin Nichols, labor on road | 2 70 |
| 17. | | Allen Cressy, " " | 7 57 |
| 21. | | Silas Sawtell, harness and halter straps..... | 27 75 |
| 22. | | James M. Hoyt breaking road | 6 70 |
| 26. | | Charles P. Pike " " | 27 40 |
| 31. | | Benjamin Cram " " | 13 87 |
| | | Levi H. Eaton " " | 35 62 |
| | | Hugh M. Craige " " | 53 58 |
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| | | | \$379 68 |

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| June 1. | | Dow A. Carr, order dated April 12, stamps..... | 200 00 |
| 4. | | Jonathan Peasley school house tax..... | 20 39 |
| 11. | | Albert Brown breaking road | 3 30 |
| 14. | | Almon S. Howlett school money..... | 30 00 |
| | | George S. Morgan, Cow..... | 28 00 |
| | | Ella A. Sargent, services at W. H. Ordway..... | 10 00 |
| | | Hannah Cook, part pay on note..... | 39 20 |

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| June 14. | By Cash Paid Hannah Cook, part pay on note..... | 1,289 20 |
| 16. | L. D. Hines, breaking road, | 10 60 |
| 18. | Wellington E. Flanders " " | 1 25 |
| | J. Albert Peasley, work on bog-road..... | 68 00 |
| 19. | Rudolph Bates, damage to horse..... | 50 00 |
| 28. | Andrew J. Putney, support Judith Putney..... | 24 00 |
| | Jacob C. Bailey, casket for Wm. H. Rahue..... | 16 00 |
| | Jacob C. Bailey, watertrough | 3 00 |
| | George T. Dunfield, work on road..... | 29 29 |
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| July 1. | Ruthy Benton, amt. 3 notes order date May 31..... | 340 71 |
| | Charles P. Pike school money | 32 00 |
| | Stephen R. Ward, " " | 15 00 |
| 2. | Benj. Farrington " " | 135 20 |
| 7. | Mrs. S. S. Cook, on note..... | 50 00 |
| | Thankful Fox, " " | 50 00 |
| | E. H. Eaton, school money | 50 00 |
| 11. | L. M. Dinsmoore, record of births and deaths..... | 1 00 |
| 17. | David M. Morse, breaking road..... | 27 25 |
| 21. | Clark Whitcomb, school money..... | 17 00 |
| 24. | Hiram Farrington, int. on note..... | 242 32 |
| 26. | Phebe H. Marsh, on note.... | 30 00 |
| | Mrs. Almira Harriman, support Ann Sargent..... | 16 25 |
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| | | \$1,006 73 |

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| Aug. 9. | John Hoyt, work on Poor Farm buildings..... | 6 00 |
| 12. | Page W. Cofran, school money..... | 36 40 |
| | Page W. Cofran, breaking road..... | 21 95 |

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| Aug. 13. | By Cash Paid | Alonzo Robbins, part pay for services..... | 100 00 |
| | | Ethan Piper, breaking road, | 4 95 |
| 18. | | Charles F. Davis, stationery, | 2 30 |
| 26. | | John W. Morse, Treasurer, for paying county tax..... | 1,110 86 |
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| | | | \$1,282 46 |
| Sept. 8. | | Cummings Pierce, amt, of note..... | 108 42 |
| 9. | | George T. Dunfield, repair road..... | 30 50 |
| 15. | | Andrew J. Putney, support Judith Putney..... | 36 00 |
| 16. | | Addison Cressey, services as Selectman &c..... | 12 00 |
| 25. | | Sumner K. Hall, amt. of note | 518 88 |
| 28. | | Wm. O. Heath, services as Auditor, &c..... | 10 00 |
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| | | | \$715 80 |
| Oct. 2. | | Geo. W. Ewins breaking road, | 9 99 |
| 6. | | Harriet B. Dowling, amt. on note..... | 49 70 |
| 8. | | J. P. Cram, amt on note..... | 1,252 08 |
| 11. | | Benjamin Farrington school money..... | 110 00 |
| 13. | | Jas. M. Hoyt, school money, | 56 79 |
| 20. | | A. J. Hastings, [support of Hazen Presby..... | 10 50 |
| 21. | | Edwin Nichols, repair road and cutting bushes..... | 18 15 |
| 25. | | M. W. Tappan, services Bates, Piper, flowage..... | 33 00 |
| 27. | | Carlos A. Abbott, school money..... | 46 44 |
| 29. | | D. G. & A. Peasley, lumber and water trough..... | 8 81 |
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| | | | \$1,595 46 |
| Nov. 4. | | Alonzo Robbins, for stock bo't on P's Farm..... | 43 00 |
| 10: | | Sullivan G. Stevens, labor on road..... | 11 70 |

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| Nov. 11. | By Cash Paid | John Colby, amt of note..... | 127 65 |
| 14. | | John Blanchard, " " " "..... | 1,245 95 |
| 17. | | A. J. Hastings, support of Hazen Presby..... | 6 00 |
| 18. | | David F. Bagley, labor on road..... | 11 00 |
| 19. | | John Harriman, support of Ann Sargent..... | 20 00 |
| 20. | | Edwin Nichols labor on road | 2 51 |
| 21. | | Clarissa Hawks, part pay on note..... | 40 00 |
| 22. | | Dexter D. Butman, bridge stringers..... | 16 46 |
| 24. | | Barnum B. Barnes, support Fanny Presby..... | 5 00 |
| 29. | | David M. Morse, lumber for graveyard..... | 11 25 |
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| | | | \$1,540 52 |

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| Dec. 1. | | Selectmen, State tax..... | 2,004 00 |
| | | Jonathan J. Blaisdell, over tax, 1873..... | 8 85 |
| 2. | | Andrew J. Putney, support Judith Putney..... | 30 00 |
| 5. | | Eben Cheney, amt. note..... | 164 40 |
| 6. | | Cummings Pierce, part pay on note..... | 78 00 |
| 9. | | J. Albert Peasley, work on Johnson bridge..... | 8 00 |
| 12. | | Joseph W. Marshall, int. on note..... | 23 86 |
| 15. | | Barnum B. Barnes, support Fanny Presby..... | 7 50 |
| | | Andrew J. Hastings, support Hazen Presby..... | 6 00 |
| 22. | | Parker B. Craige, repair bridge..... | 1 20 |
| | | Joel F. Peasley, amt note... | 1,290 96 |
| | | B. F. Peasley, " " " " | 392 30 |
| | | Lucy A. Presby, amt. 5 notes | 968 10 |
| | | Hollis C. Brockway, support Adeline Blason..... | 18 00 |
| 24. | | Susanna B. Holmes, water trough 2 years..... | 5 00 |
| 26. | | Joshua Eaton, repair bridge | 4 50 |

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| Dec. 31. | By Cash Paid | Hollis C. Brockway, school money..... | 67 43 |
| | | Stephen R. Ward, school money order date Nov. 25 | 60 66 |
| | | N. T. Clark, medical services | |
| | | J. Atwood order date Dec. 1 | 28 50 |
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| | | | \$5,167 26 |

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| Jan. 1. | | Benjamin R. Ayer, Interest on note..... | \$24 49 |
| 3. | | Henry F. Presby, support of Fanny F. Presby..... | 10 00 |
| | | Prescott Colby, amt. of note. | 163 79 |
| | | Helen M. Colby. " " " .. | 109 12 |
| | | Addison S. Cressy, building culvert and labor..... | 12 00 |
| | | Joel M. Howe, school money | 3 93 |
| 10. | | Andrew J. Hastings, support of Hazen Presby..... | 6 00 |
| 13. | | Elizabeth Bickford, amt. of note..... | 1,083 60 |
| | | Samuel Sargent amt. of note | 211 97 |
| 15. | | David H. Hartshorn, breaking roads..... | 28 13 |
| 17. | | Page W. Cofran, school money..... | 54 29 |
| 19. | | Charles F. Davis, stationery and expense to Concord..... | 8 10 |
| | | Paul Page, amt. 2 notes..... | 1122 56 |
| 20. | | Bates & Jones, fencing burial ground..... | 89 47 |
| | | T. A. J. Jones, breaking roads | 6 37 |
| | | T. A. J. Jones, shingles..... | 6 75 |
| | | Bates & Jones, shingles..... | 10 95 |
| | | Samuel Sargent, am't of note..... | 122 08 |
| 22. | | Harvy Colby, horse hire..... | 3 00 |
| | | Enoch Adams, am't 2 notes.. | 672 89 |
| | | David P. Flanders, am't of.. notes..... | 602 35 |
| | | Lucy Ann Ogelvie, am't of notes..... | 173 58 |
| 23. | | Mrs. S. S. Cook, endorsement on note..... | 30 00 |

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| Jan. 23. | By Cash. Paid Daniel C. Brown, am't of 2 notes..... | 214 32 |
| 24. | Fred S. Muzzey, am't of note | 110 80 |
| | Moses K. Felch, " " " | 213 80 |
| | John D. Fulsom, " " " | 212 80 |
| | John Fulsom, am't of 2 notes | 1,339 09 |
| | Almon S. Howlet, school money..... | 58 24 |
| | Clark Whitcomb, school money order date Jan. 12..... | 36 06 |
| | Henry F. Presby, support of Fanny Presby..... | 14 00 |
| 27. | Etta C. Seavey, am't of note | 51 71 |
| 29. | Warren Adams, am't of note | 171 29 |
| | Charles P. Pike, school money..... | 70 98 |
| 31. | Joseph F. Buswell, pants for poor..... | 6 50 |
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| | | \$7,055 01 |
| Feb. 2. | Elisha H. Eaton, school money..... | 95 09 |
| 3. | John M. Hains, for list of soldiers entitled to bounty | 3 00 |
| 5. | John Harriman, support of Ann Sargent..... | 16 50 |
| | J. M. Fitz, board of transient paupers..... | 6 00 |
| | Timothy P. Jones, fans..... | 1 75 |
| | Harvey Colby, self and horse | 1 00 |
| | N. T. Clark, medical attendance A. Gleason..... | 28 00 |
| 5. | John S. Davis, support of Preston Washington..... | 78 00 |
| 6. | D. G. and A. Peaslee, water trough..... | 3 00 |
| | Andrew J. Hastings, support of Hazen Presby..... | 6 00 |
| 9. | Hollis C. Brockway, support of A. Gleason..... | 9 00 |
| | Alburtus B. Blood, hauling lumber..... | 11 24 |
| | John Harriman, error in order Nov. 19..... | 4 00 |
| 10. | James Brown, part pay on note..... | 100 00 |

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| Feb. 11. | By Cash Paid Alonzo Robbins, part pay as agent of poor farm..... | 100 00 |
| 12. | Lorenzo D. Muzzey, am't 2 notes..... | 374 03 |
| | Asa Muzzey, am't 2 notes.... | 429 67 |
| | Horace J. Ward, breaking roads..... | 3 00 |
| | J. M. Fitz, medical attendance J. Atwood and A. Sargent..... | 19 25 |
| | L. Littlehale, keeping transient paupers..... | 5 00 |
| 14. | J. S. and I. E. Hall, drawing wood for J. Atwood..... | 6 00 |
| | Samuel Carter, am't of note.. | 32 93 |
| | Enos Carter. " " " ... | 135 46 |
| | D. and W. A. Carr, postage stamps &c., order date 10 of Jan..... | 1 00 |
| | D. and W. A. Carr, stamped envelopes order date Dec.. | 1 05 |
| | Joseph C. Currier, services as selectman..... | 7 50 |
| 16. | B. W. Sanborn, town officer | 2 00 |
| | Charles F. Davis, breaking road..... | 1 35 |
| | Amos S. Goodwin, digging grave for W. H. Rahue... | 3 40 |
| 18. | George P. Parley, school money..... | 42 06 |
| 20. | Charles A. Cressy, breaking road..... | 10 12 |
| 21. | Benjamin Farrington, school money..... | 295 29 |
| | Leonard P. Jameson, repairing bridge..... | 1 25 |
| | Eben Cheney, water trough. | 3 00 |
| | " " abatement of 1873 tax..... | 7 08 |
| 23. | Thomas M. Craige, breaking road..... | 5 17 |
| 24. | George T. Dunfield, breaking road and 2 1-2 cords of wood for J. Atwood..... | 21 37 |
| | John W. Morse, balance of store goods poor farm..... | 59 45 |

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| Feb. 24. | By Cash Paid Joseph W. Ward, breaking road..... | 6 30 |
| | Almon S. Howlett, breaking road..... | 10 54 |
| | Ambrose S. Brackett, services as justice in M. Phipps case..... | 2 50 |
| | George Jones, rent of pasture..... | 40 00 |
| 25. | M. C. Bates, repairing stove and pipe in town hall..... | 2 95 |
| | Weld Proctor, school money..... | 6 81 |
| | Alonzo Robbins, paid bills for poor farm..... | 22 61 |
| | George C. Trow, services and cash S. S. Committee..... | 69 10 |
| | Horace Felch, breaking road | 2 00 |
| | G. W. W. Cressy " " " " | 2 85 |
| | Trueworthy Piper, support of Marthy S. Piper and child..... | 20 00 |
| | D. and W. A. Carr, goods for J. Atwood..... | 4 21 |
| | Jesse Carr, glass and repairing town house..... | 2 00 |
| | D. and W. A. Carr, goods furnished town..... | 53 56 |
| 26. | Charles F. Davis, services as selectman and cash paid out..... | 141 31 |
| | Timothy P. Jones, services as selectman and cash paid out..... | 120 50 |
| | J. Albert Peaslee, services as selectman and cash paid out..... | 116 75 |
| | T. P. Jones, due for collector of taxes in 1869, 70, 71, 72, and 73..... | 80 75 |
| | George W. Carr, repairing road..... | 6 50 |
| | George M. Sawyer, breaking roads..... | 4 12 |
| | Sawver & Martin, am't of bill 1871 and 72..... | 2 63 |

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| Feb. 27. By Cash Paid Horace K. Martin, services | |
| as Town Clerk..... | 30 00 |
| John W. Morse, services as | |
| Treasurer..... | 50 00 |
| Harvey Colby, storage of | |
| hearse..... | 3 00 |
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| | \$2,730 00 |

Cash on hand.....\$1,880 62

Total.....\$35,425 98

JOHN W. MORSE, *Town Treasurer.*

Bradford, Feb. 28th, 1874.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

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| JOSHUA EATON, | } | <i>Auditing Committee.</i> |
| J. J. BLAISDELL, | | |
| FRANK L. MARTIN, | | |

Bradford, Feb. 28th, 1874.

POOR FARM REPORT.

We find the Farm entitled to the following credits :
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| March 1. By Farm, as per invoice of 1874..... | \$2,100 00 |
| “ Personal Property, per invoice of 1874, | 1,693 00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ | 93 02 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ | 104 40 |
| “ Produce and lumber sold from farm.... | 277 69 |
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| | \$4,268 11 |

We find the Farm chargeable as follows :

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| To Farm as per invoice of 1873..... | \$2,000 00 |
| “ Personal Property of 1873..... | 1,322 62 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ | 92 42 |
| “ Cash paid George Jones, rent pasture.. | 40 00 |
| “ “ “ Agent's salary..... | 200 00 |
| “ Due on Agent's salary..... | 25 00 |
| “ Cash paid expenses of Farm as per items on file..... | 572 95 |
| “ Cash paid Dr. N. T. Clark's services... | 3 00 |
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| | \$4,255 99 |

Leaving a balance in favor of Farm of..... \$12 12

The number of paupers supported on the Farm the past year is four and one sixth.

There has been paid for the support of paupers off the Farm the past year the sum of \$230.58, as follows :

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| Hazen Presby..... | \$24 00 | Widow Fanny Presby, \$44 00 |
| Joshua Atwood..... | 45 58 | Mrs. Judith Putney... 117 00 |

All of which is respectfully submitted :

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| CHARLES F. DAVIS, | } <i>Selectmen</i> |
| TIMOTHY P. JONES, | |
| J. ALBERT PEASLEE, | |

of
Bradford.

Bradford, N. H., Feb. 28th, 1874.

LIABILITIES.

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| The total debt of the town up to March 1st, 1874.... | \$37,871 64 |
| Outstanding bills against the town estimated..... | 100 00 |
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| | \$37,971 64 |

ASSETS.

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| Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1st., 1874..... | \$1,880 62 |
| Taxes uncollected on T. P. Jones' book, 1870..... | 193 39 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1871..... | 580 33 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1872..... | 816 92 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1873..... | 3,653 33 |
| Due from United States Government..... | 1,934 00 |

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| Due from town of Sunapee acc't of Mrs. Adeline Slason..... | 55 00 |
| Town Farm and personal property as per invoice Feb. 24, 1874..... | 3,990 42 |
| Hearse and hearse house..... | 600 00 |
| Town Hall and fixtures..... | 800 00 |
| Safe..... | 140 00 |
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| | \$14,644 01 |

Deduct assets from liabilities, leaves the town indebted..... \$23,327 63

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| *Due from T. K. West, Jr..... | \$12 00 |
| *Due from City of Concord Bank tax..... | 9 33 |
| *Due from City Manchester Bank tax..... | 16 83 |
| *Due from Hazen Presby..... | 138 99— \$167 15 |
| *These last items are considered worthless. | |

The Selectmen desire to make the following remarks concerning the Town's liabilities: They have stricken from the list of assets that which they deemed worthless, and substituted in its stead property that is not only valuable but available, believing that if it is an innovation, it is one in the right direction. There have been some improvements made on the buildings of the Poor Farm which were needed and have advanced the value of the Real Estate. Our indebtedness is being rapidly changed into the hands of our own citizens, and we deem the investments they make perfectly secure.

Respectfully submitted,

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| CHARLES F. DAVIS, | } <i>Selectmen</i> |
| TIMOTHY P. JONES; | |
| J. ALBERT PEASLEE, | |
| | <i>of</i> |
| | <i>Bradford.</i> |

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order, have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and found them all correct.

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| JOSHUA EATON, | } <i>Auditing</i> |
| J. J. BLAISDELL, | |
| FRANK L. MARTIN, | |
| | <i>Committee.</i> |

Bradford, N. H., Feb. 28th, 1874.

Report of the School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BRADFORD:

Conformably to the law, the report of your School Committee of the condition of your schools is respectfully submitted.

District No. 1. Elisha H. Eaton, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Taught by Mrs. Ella F. Cressy. Mrs. Cressy was the choice of the district, and having taught one term in the district previous to this, she entered upon her duty understandingly, and was quite successful.

Winter Term—Taught by Mr. William G. Hoyt. Mr. Hoyt, a worthy and respected young man, entered upon his duty as teacher with a will that warranted success, and under his instruction the school made creditable advancement. May it ever continue in its onward course, still there is room for improvement.

District No. 2. Charles P. Pike, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Taught by Miss Lizzie A. Tuttle. Under the instruction of Miss Tuttle the school made considerable advancement, school quiet; am confident satisfaction was given.

Winter Term—Taught by Mr. Sylvester B. Messer, an energetic and competent teacher. Though a stranger in the district, he soon won the respect of both parents and scholars, and the result of their combined efforts was a school that was an honor to all parties concerned. This was Mr. Messer's first experience in teaching, and with perseverance is destined to take a high stand in the profession.

District No. 3. (Union No. 1. Grammar Department.) Benjamin Farrington, Silas Sawtell and Jefferson G. Peaslee, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Taught by Miss Kate J. Presby. Miss Presby, a teacher of high standing, entered the school with a full conviction of the arduous work before her, and by her energy and enthusiasm made the school a success. School well governed and the progress made was creditable to both teacher and pupils.

Fall Term—Taught by Miss Ellen M. Eaton. Under the management of this experienced teacher there was some advancement made. The examination was made interesting by music furnished by the members of the school.

Winter Term—Taught by Mr. George C. Trow. I endeavored to perform my duty faithfully and impartially, no pains

being spared on my part to make the school one of profit to all attending. The necessity of close application was made to bear upon the school, and the advancement made by the different scholars was in proportion as they heeded those admonitions. If I may be allowed to judge in this case as in others, I can confidently say that the past term has been admirably successful, but if it has not met the approbation of all, may not the experience of the past aid in the selection of a teacher congenial to the wants of the district.

District No. 4. Almon S. Howlett, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Taught by Miss Ida M. Blood. This was Miss Blood's third consecutive term in this district, consequently the teacher, parents and scholars were prepared to enter at once upon their respective duties understandingly, and although the term was but six weeks in length a great amount of work was accomplished. The recitations at the close would have given credit to scholars of a much more mature age. Miss Blood is a strict disciplinarian and the results of her teaching will long be felt in the district.

Winter Term—Taught by Mr. Ernest C. Currier, a young but praiseworthy teacher; the results of his teaching were entirely satisfactory. A great degree of interest was manifested.

District No. 5. Carlos Abbott, Prudential Committee.

Fall Term—Taught by Miss Allie J. Collins. The fact that Miss Collins has taught two consecutive terms in this district, and that she has won the respect and approbation of both parents and scholars is sufficient evidence in favor of her qualifications as a teacher. We find some fine scholars in this district; more schooling is needed.

District No. 6. Page W. Crofrin, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Taught by Miss Etta F. Nichols, an interesting and energetic teacher; she always has the respect of her scholars and therefore her schools are successful.

Winter Term—Taught by Mr. Frank J. Peaslee, a teacher peculiarly constituted for the profession, one whose whole life is in his work. Even in the ordinary recitations much is found to both instruct and interest the pupil that in too many cases is not considered worthy of notice. Discipline of a high order.

The parents of this district are deeply interested in the welfare of their school.

District No. 7. Hollis C. Brockway, Prudential Committee.

Fall Term—Taught by Miss Marion C. Bixby, a teacher of much experience in schools of this class. School well managed and considerable progress was made in the various branches. Scholars in this district should bear in mind that thoroughness is the main point.

District No. 8. Clark Whitcomb, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Winter Terms—Taught by Miss Marie Tyler, who has proved herself to be a teacher of ability in the management of this school; the advancement made was commendable. Order good. Six scholars are represented as not having whispered during the term.

District No. 9. (Union No. 1 Primary Department.) Benjamin Farrington, Silas Sawtell and J. G. Peaslee, Prudential Committee.

Summer, Fall and Winter Terms—Taught by Miss Sarah A. Cheney. The efficiency of Miss Cheney is too well known to need comment. During the past year she has added to her already established reputation. For ten successive terms she has labored successfully in this school.

District No. 10. James Hoyt, Prudential Committee.

Fall Term—Taught by Miss Annie M. Stevens. This was her first experience in teaching. School small; perfect satisfaction was given. Miss Stevens is destined to become one of our best teachers.

District No. 11. Russell S. Warl, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Winter Terms—Taught by Miss Louisa L. Eaton. This was her first attempt at teaching and consequently there were signs of inexperience, but she was faithful and industrious and under her charge the school made good progress, both summer and winter. With experience she will become one of our first teachers.

District No. 12. George P. Bailey, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Taught by Miss Hannah M. Eaton, a teacher deeply interested in the welfare of her scholars. School was very prosperous.

Winter Term—Taught by Miss Ellen M. Eaton, a favorite

among her scholars, consequently the existing feeling was favorable to advancement. The examination showed that her efforts had not been in vain. Progress made was good.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In the foregoing there has been briefly set forth the condition of the schools of Bradford, as they appeared to your committee, at the time of his visits, and from information gained from other satisfactory sources. It is an easy matter for a citizen to prescribe rules to govern a teacher in the management of his school, and another citizen as naturally dictates rules that infringe upon the requirements of citizen No. 1, therefore if a teacher endeavors to follow all such dictations, he pleases nobody and the usefulness of his labor is very much diminished; for if these very people should have their rules carried out to the letter, they would still find room for complaint, and how few of them would shoulder the responsibilities of a teacher. Every teacher should possess a steadiness of purpose to enable him to shape matters according to the dictations of his own conscience, should know his duty and do it, and with impartiality, law and order upon his banner, he can scarcely fail of being successful. I do not wish to convey the idea that a teacher should not receive advice from his friends and those among whom he moves, for it is highly necessary in many instances, but that he should possess a discrimination sufficient to make a distinction between that which is appropriate, and that which is not in his own peculiar case, with all good advice before him he should shape his course so as to promote the best interests of the noble profession in which he is engaged.

One thing that needs to be cultivated in our schools is punctuality: this perhaps falls more especially to parents and guardians, than to any others connected with our schools, the simple fact of being tardy may be considered trifling, but when we take into consideration the disturbance it occasions in a well regulated school, and above all the habit that you are allowing to become fixed upon your children, it assumes an aspect that will arouse in the minds of all thinking people, a sentiment that will lead them to inculcate into the minds of their children, the

necessity of punctuality. There are perhaps instances where it is impossible for children to be at school on time, but such cases are rare.

We have found the school-houses through the town in a state of repair that has rendered them moderately comfortable, but some of them are too ancient and have seen too much hard service to meet present requirements; the sight of battered walls and dilapidated benches has a tendency to arouse in the mind of a scholar a feeling of maliciousness and a disinclination to study; nearly all of our school rooms are deficient in blackboards, but a very few of them having a proper supply of a proper quality; maps and globes are as scarce in our school rooms as righteous people were in those ancient cities. Let those whose duty it is to regulate such matters, take into serious consideration the above facts.

"The town treasurer is firmly withheld from paying any portion of the school fund to a prudential committee, until the treasurer is shown the teacher's license, and is satisfied from its date and purport, that it is in accordance with the requirements of the statute, and is also shown the certificate of the superintending committee certifying that the school register has been completed in a satisfactory manner, and returned as required by law."

The above requirement has been in force during the past year, and has met with the most gratifying results. In concluding these remarks your committee is justified in stating that the schools of Bradford were never in a more prosperous condition. Some, perhaps, have not come up to the standard in all its requirements, but as a whole they rank high.

We find a goodly number of good scholars throughout town, and may all interested in the cause of education use their best influence to increase that number.

I will take this opportunity to express my sincere thankfulness for the many kindly greetings by parents, scholars and teachers, and for the cooperation and respect of many kind friends.

GEORGE C. TROW, *Committee.*

Bradford, N. H., Feb. 27th, 1874.

STATISTICAL TABLE. SUMMER, FALL AND WINTER TERMS.

| District. | No. Dist. | NAME OF TEACHER. | No. of Scholars | Average Attn'ce. | No. not att'd'ing. | Times tardy. | Visits by S. S. C. | Visits by P. C. | No. of Visitors. | Length in weeks | Wages per mo. including board. | Total am't sch'l money. | TERMS. |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Centre. | 1 | Ella F. Cressy. | 32 | 27.62 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 19 | 9 | \$21 00 | | Summer. |
| Centre. | 1 | William G. Hoyt. | 37 | 32.41 | 3 | 108 | 2 | 0 | 32 | 9 | 37 56 | 145 09 | Winter. |
| West. | 2 | Lizzie A. Tuttle. | 8 | 7. | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 20 00 | | Summer. |
| West. | 2 | Sylvester B. Messer. | 16 | 11.27 | 0 | 30 | 2 | 1 | 30 | 6 | 28 00 | 102 98 | Winter. |
| Union 1 | 3 | Kate J. Presby. | 25 | 23. | 0 | 62 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 3 | 33 00 | | Summer. |
| Union 1 | 3 | Ellen M. Eaton. | 26 | 23.6 | 1 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 34 00 | | Fall. |
| Union 1 | 3 | George C. Throw. | 32 | 27.5 | 3 | 219 | 2 | 1 | 81 | 12 | 52 00 | 270 24 | Winter. |
| Pond. | 4 | Ida M. Blood. | 16 | 14.24 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 40 | 0 | 19 00 | | Summer. |
| Pond. | 4 | Ernest C. Carrier. | 21 | 17. | 3 | 56 | 2 | 3 | 45 | 10 | 35 50 | 88 24 | Winter. |
| Colby. | 5 | Allie J. Collins. | 14 | 12.09 | 0 | 144 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 24 00 | 46 44 | Fall. |
| Plain. | 6 | Etta F. Nicholas. | 14 | 11.74 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 20 00 | | Summer. |
| Plain. | 6 | Frank J. Peaslee. | 21 | 19.5 | 2 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 30 50 | 90 69 | Winter. |
| Andrew's. | 7 | Marion C. Bixby. | 5 | 4.22 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 23 60 | 67 43 | Fall. |
| Melvin's. | 8 | Marie J. Tyler. | 4 | 3.4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 3 | 21 00 | | Summer. |
| Melvin's. | 8 | Marie J. Tyler. | 4 | 3.9 | 0 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 40 | 10 | 32 00 | 53 06 | Winter. |
| Union 1. | 9 | Sarah A. Cheney. | 31 | 28. | 1 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 37 | 8 | 34 40 | | Summer. |
| Union 1. | 9 | Sarah A. Cheney. | 31 | 28. | 0 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 67 | 6 | 34 40 | | Fall. |
| Union 1. | 9 | Sarah A. Cheney. | 28 | 26. | 3 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 96 | 12 | 39 40 | 270 24 | Winter. |
| Springs. | 10 | Annie M. Stevens. | 9 | 8.2 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 9 | 22 00 | 56 79 | Fall. |
| Jewett's. | 11 | Louisa L. Eaton. | 5 | 5.5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 18 00 | | Summer. |
| Jewett's. | 11 | Louisa L. Eaton. | 6 | 8.85 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 10 | 22 00 | 75 66 | Winter. |
| Union † | 12 | Hannah M. Eaton. | 3 | 2.7 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 11 | 20 00 | | Summer. |
| Union † | 12 | Ellen M. Eaton. | 5 | 4.68 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 39 | 1 | 28 00 | 42 06 | Winter. |

* Union with No. 17, Warner.

† Union with No. 6, Newbury.

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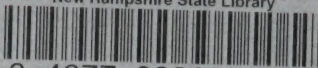
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